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SUBJECT: Position of OSS in theaters of operations

1. Reference the status of OSS while it was under the Joint Chiefs, I checked JCS 155/4/D (JCS Directive on functions of the Office of Strategic Services) and found para 7 (d) reading as follows:

"Within organized theaters or areas, officers and agents of the Office of Strategic Services will be under the direct control of the commander concerned, who will be informed of all plans or projects to be carried out within the theaters or area and their current status. They will not engage in any activity which has not been approved by the commander concerned."

2. I believe that there was nothing academic about this statement of policy. To the best of my knowledge, General MacArthur exercised his power so strongly in this respect that he would not allow them in his theater at all.

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